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Role: Agency Absence Management Specialist

NOTES ON USING THIS GUIDE

- ER 18.15 Catastrophic Leave
- WI Human Resources Handbook Chapter 660 Catastrophic Leave Program
 - o <u>Donor Authorization for Catastrophic Leave</u>
 - Application for Catastrophic Leave
- The first steps in the Catastrophic Leave process are the employee in need of the donations (recipient) completes an Application for Catastrophic Leave, and the employees donating leave (donors) completes the Donor Authorization for Catastrophic Leave form. Once these are approved, they are forwarded to the agency's absence management specialist for processing in the STARS/HCM (system).
- Best practice is to enter the donation into the system at the time it is needed by the recipient. We suggest not processing more than 1 to 2 pay periods at a time. Once the "donation process" is run in the system the donor's specific leave balance will decrease and the recipient's vacation balance will increase. If the donor uses the leave prior to the donation being processed in the system, the donation is nullified.
 - O Donations made to a recipient is always shown as vacation.
 - Once the "donations process" has run and the recipient's vacation balance has increased, the vacation takes can be made on the recipient's timesheet.
 - Donations made by a donor is shown in the Leave Program of the actual leave type being donated.



Leave Donation process runs 3 times during payroll processing week approximately: 8 am Monday, 10 pm Monday
 & 11:30 am Tuesday.

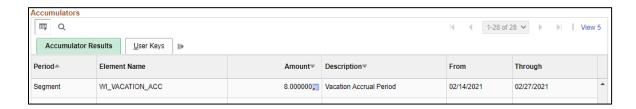
ENTERING LEAVE DONATIONS

The Catastrophic Leave program enables employees (donors) to transfer leave from their accrued leave hours to other employees (recipients) who have exhausted their own leave due to a qualifying emergency in accordance with ER18.15 (Catastrophic Leave).

There is no security for recipient but there is for the donor. The donating agency must make the entry. An entry is required for both the donor and the recipient.

A recipient may not use more than 80 hours of leave or the number of hours consistent with their regularly scheduled hours per pay period. **Each pay period**, including the beginning of a new calendar year, leave credits earned/accrued by recipient shall be used prior to using the donated leave credits.

The recipient must use all available sick leave and have a leave balance of no more than 16 hours of combined "accrued" vacation, including sabbatical/termination leave, and personal/legal holiday credits. This does not mean the employee must use all awarded vacation but use all earned/accrued vacation. Accrued vacation can be seen on the Results by Calendar Group screen under the Accumulators tab.



A recipient is eligible to be paid for any legal holiday which falls during a pay period in which donated leave is used for either the last scheduled workday immediately preceding or the first scheduled workday immediately following the holiday.

Note: We do not run the Leave Donation process in the 2 split pay periods, which occur mid-year June and end of year December. You need to process your donations in the system the pay period prior to the split if there are sufficient leave donations. Otherwise, the donations will process in the pay period following the split and an absence adjustment will be required to move the donations to the split pay period. This means the recipient will not be able to be paid in the split pay period but paid retroactively in the following pay period.

Navigate to the Initiate Requests screen



Click Search

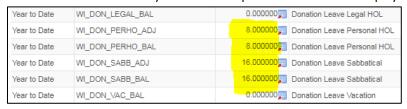
From the Search Results list, select the Leave Program that matches the type of leave being donated



The **Initiate Requests screen** will appear.

- 1. In the **Request Date** field enter the first day of the current pay period.
- 2. In the **Empl ID** and **EMPL Rcd** fields enter the data of the donor.
- 3. In the **Request Type field** select *Donate* from list.
- 4. In the **Hours** field, enter the number of whole hours being donated.
 - a. **Be Cautious**: The maximum leave an employee can donate in a calendar year is 24 hours. The system will allow you to enter more than 24 hours in the Initiate Request screen. The audit is built into this system at time of the "leave donation process" being run. If you enter more than 24 hours of donation from an employee in a calendar year it will cause a fatal error during absence processing.

Go to the Donor's Results by Calendar Group screen to see if the employee already donated this year.

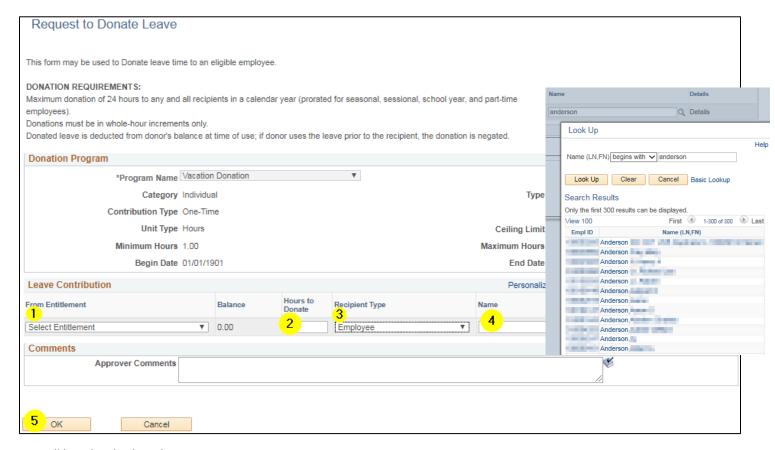


5. Click View Details



The Request to Donate Leave screen will appear. Under the Leave Contribution section enter the following:

- 1. In the **From Entitlement** field select the *leave type*. This should match the type of leave being donated.
- 2. In the **Hours to Donate** field verify the hours displayed populated correctly from the previous screen. If hours were not entered on the previous screen, they can be entered in this field.
- 3. In the Recipient Type field select Employee from the list.
- 4. In the **Name** field, select the *Recipient* from the list of employees.
 - **a.** All State employees are included in the list. Type in the recipient's last name, first initial of first name; click on the Look Up icon in the Name field. Select the employee who is the recipient of the donation.
 - **b.** There is no security for the recipient, so if the donor is from a different agency the donating agency will have no issue selecting the recipient.
- 5. Click OK



You will be taken back to the Initiate Requests screen:

- ✓ To enter additional donations from other employees for the same leave type, click **Add a Row (+)** and repeat the entry steps.
- ✓ To enter additional donations for a different leave type, click **Save**, then click **Return to Search** and you will be taken to the Initiate Requests screen. Go back to the Initiate Requests screen instructions above, and select a new Leave Program, and repeat the entry steps.
- ✓ After all leave donations have been entered, click **Save.** The leave balances will not update until the "leave donation process" is run by DOA Central Payroll.
- ➤ **RESULTS:** The "leave donation process" is run before each absence calculation during processing week. Once this process has been run to success, the vacation is available to use on the recipient's timesheet for the pay period being processed. Approximate run times: 8 am Monday, 10 pm Monday & 11:30 am Tuesday

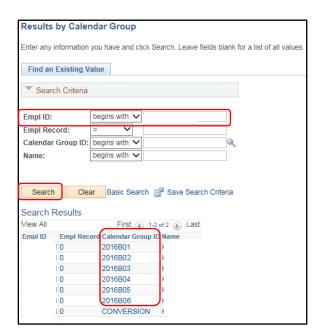
REVIEWING LEAVE DONATIONS

Option 1: Review by Donor or Recipient Balance on the Results by Calendar Group screen

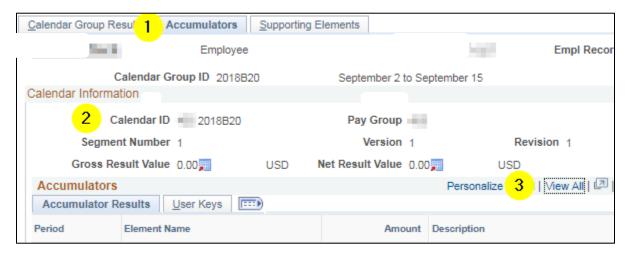
- ✓ To confirm the donations for both the donor(s) and the recipient, you can review the Results by Calendar Group screen for the pay period that is currently being processed. The leave balances will not update until the "leave donation process" is run by DOA Central Payroll.
- Navigate to the **Results by Calendar Group** screen



- Enter the **Empl ID** for the donor or recipient you want to review.
 - Click Search
 - From the Search Results list, select the Calendar Group ID that has most recently been processed.



- Review adjustments and balances
 - 1. Click the Accumulators tab
 - 2. Verify that you are reviewing the Calendar ID in which the donations were submitted
 - 3. Click the **View All** link to see all Accumulators processed for the period. Click on the Header *Description*, to sort by leave types.



✓ If reviewing a DONOR:

A total leave balance displays with Element Name WI TOTAL DONATION



 A leave balance (WI_DON_xxx_BAL) and leave adjustment (WI_DOC_xxx_ADJ) display for the specific type(s) of donated leave



Leave donations are not listed as a take (USED) but the balance does reduce

Year to Date	WI_PER_HOL_BAL	0.000000 Personal Holiday Balance	
Year to Date	WI_PER_HOL_ENT	36.000000 Personal Holiday Award	
Year to Date	WI_PER_HOL_TAKE	28.000000 Personal Holiday Used	
Year to Date	WI_SABBATCL_BAL	613.750000 Sabbatical Leave Balance	

✓ If reviewing a RECIPIENT:

 A leave balance displays with Element Name WI RECIPIENT, WI_REC_VAC_ADJ and WI_REC_VAC_BAL PP19:

	Year to Date	WI RECIPIENT	432.000000 Recipient Accumulator
	Year to Date	WI_REC_VAC_ADJ	432.000000 Receive Donation √acation
	Year to Date	WI_REC_VAC_BAL	432.000000 Receive Donation Vacation
PP20:			
	Year to Date	WI RECIPIENT	523.000000 Recipient Accumulator
	Year to Date	WI_REC_VAC_ADJ	523.000000 Receive Donation Vacation
	Year to Date	WI_REC_VAC_BAL	523.000000 Receive Donation Vacation

 WI_VACATION_BAL (Vacation Balance) displays an increase PP19:

Year to Date	WI_VACATION_BAL	0.620000	Vacation Balance
Year to Date	WI_VACATION_ENT	120.000000	Vacation Award
Year to Date	WI_VACATION_TAKE	550.000000	Vacation Used

PP20:

Year to Date	WI_VACATION_BAL	91.620000	Vacation Balance
Year to Date	WI_VACATION_ENT	120.000000	Vacation Award
Year to Date	WI_VACATION_TAKE	550.000000	Vacation Used

- o This employee received 91 hours of donation in PP20
- o WI RECIPIENT, WI_REC_VAC_ADJ, WI_REC_VAC_BAL, and WI_VACATION_BAL all increased by 91 hours from PP19

Pay	Dept ID	Calendar ID	ID	ER	Last	First	HR	PIN	Name	Begin	End Date	Bal adj	by	Last Upd DtTm
Group						Name	Status	Number		Date				
	PRODUCTION OF THE PERSON NAMED IN	2018B20	per la comp	0		-	-86	250166	WI_REC_VAC	09/02/18	09/15/18	3.000000	WI_AM_BATCH	9/17/2018 8:52
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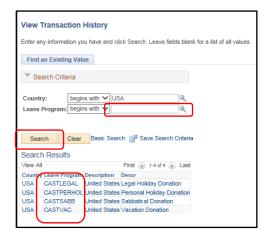
Option 2: Review by Donation Transaction screen

To review all donations from the donor(s) or any leave donation adjustments, you can review the Transaction History for each Leave Program. You can see who the recipient of the donation by clicking on the PI Entries field, under the Generated PI Entries screen.

Step 1: Navigate to the View Transaction History screen

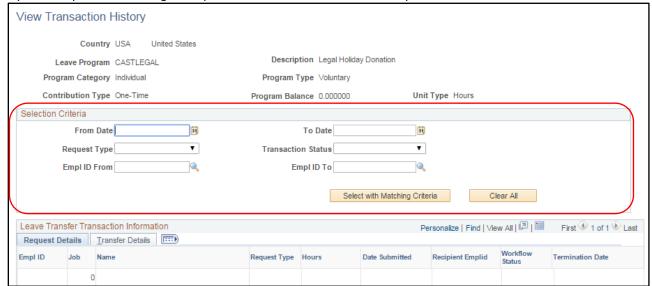


- Click Search
- From the Search Results list, select the Leave Program that matches the type of leave being reviewed

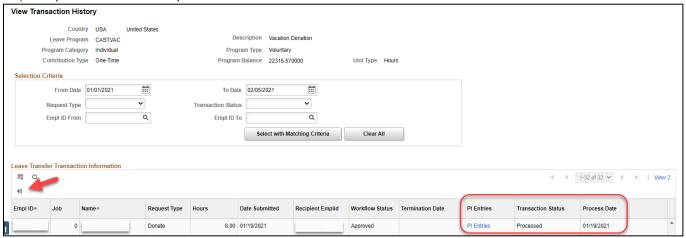


Step 2: Review the Leave Program donations

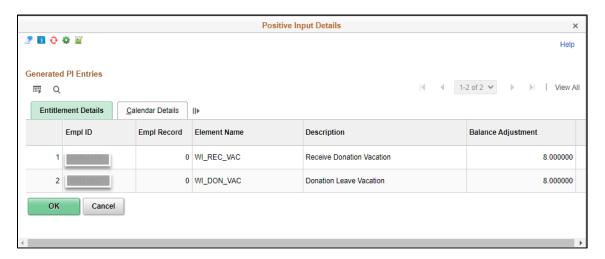
- Submitted donations for that Leave Program will display.
- Selection Criteria can be used to narrow results if you are looking for a particular donor or donations/adjustments for a particular period. If looking for a specific donor be sure to enter the Empl ID in both the From and To fields.



Step 3: Expand to See Donor Emp ID and Transactions Status.



Click on the PI Entries field to bring up the Generated PI Entries screen, which provides the recipient's Empl Id.



ADJUSTING LEAVE DONATIONS

Adjustments can be made to leave donations that have already been submitted.

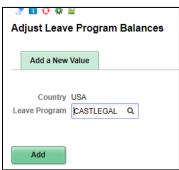
Step 1: Navigate to the Adjust Leave Program Balances screen



- USA populates into the Country field
- In the Leave Program field, from the Search Results list, select the Leave Program that matches the type of leave being adjusted.



• Click **Add** once the Leave Program is selected.



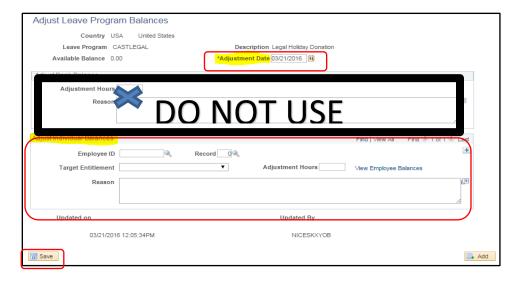
Step 2: Adjust Leave Program Balances screen

- In the **Adjustment Date field** enter the first day of the current pay period.
- DO NOT ENTER IN THE ADJUST BANK BALANCE SECTION.
- In the Empl ID field enter data of the person being adjusted
- In the **Empl Rec field**, if not zero
- In the Target Entitlement field
 - When adjusting the donor's original donation, select Donation Leave (Leave Program).
 - If Donation Leave is anything other than vacation, you will have to navigate back to the **Adjust Leave Program**Balances screen and enter a new Leave Program for Vacation before adjusting the recipient's.
 - When adjusting the recipient's original amount, select Receive Donation Vacation.

NOTE: An entry is required for both the donor *and* the recipient. In rare instances, if you entered only the donation for the donor and never entered the recipient, you can reduce only the donor at this time.

- In the Adjustment Hours field enter the whole number of hours you want to decrease by.
 (This should usually be a negative amount for both participants. In rare instances if a negative donation balance is showing, you would enter a positive amount to clear it.)
- Enter a Reason (optional)
 - Examples:
 - Recipient no longer in need of donations.
 - Original entry keyed in error.
 - Donation sent to wrong recipient.
- Click Save

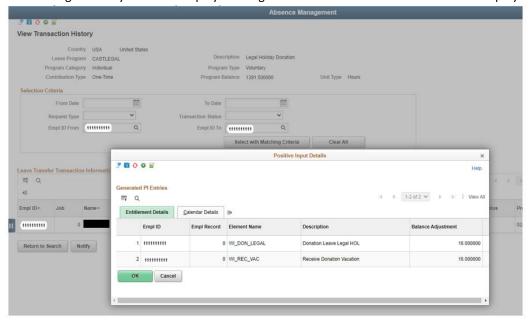
RESULTS: After the Absence Calculation runs, the donor and recipient balances are adjusted.



- ✓ To enter additional adjustments for the same leave program, click **Add a Row (+)** button and repeat the previous steps. When done click the Save button.
- ✓ To enter additional adjustments for a different leave program, navigate back to the **Adjust Leave Program Balances** screen and enter a new Leave Program and complete the previous steps.



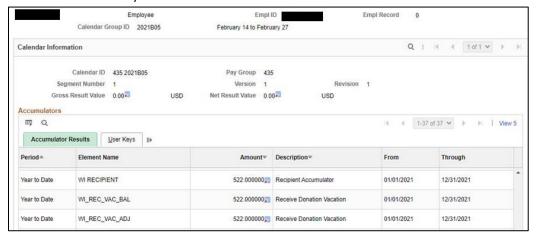
Example of keying error. The Empl Id of the recipient was used for both the donor and the recipient. The process took 16.0 hours of Legal Holiday from the employee and gave 16.0 hours of vacation to the same employee.



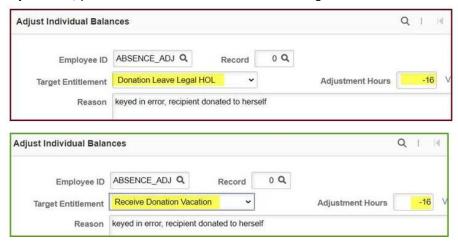
On the Results by Calendar Group screen the WI_DON_LEGAL_BAL increased for the 16.0 hours. Once the correcting adjustment processes, the balance will be 0.0 hours.



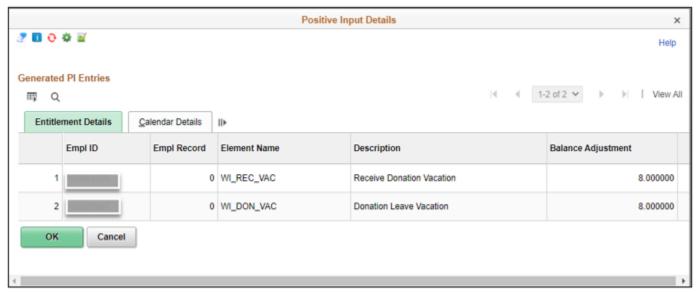
WI_REC_VAC_BAL was 506.0 hours in PP4. This increased 16.0 hours in PP5. Once the correcting adjustment processes, the balance will decrease by the 16.0 hours back to the 506.0 hours.



To correct, you must enter two absence adjustments using the recipient's Empl Id. Once you have made the correcting adjustments, you can enter the correct donation following the instructions for ENTERING LEAVE DONATIONS above.



The reason you want to correct both the donor and the recipient is, so they connect to each other under the Review by Donation Transaction screen; on the Generated PI Entries screen.

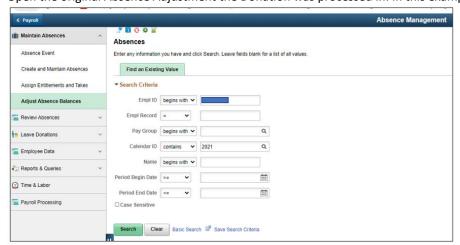


APPLYING DONATIONS TO A PRIOR PAY PERIOD

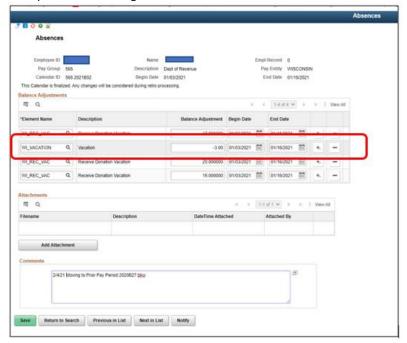
When donations are approved or entered into the system after the fact, you must manually adjust the vacation hours for the recipient to use the vacation in a past pay period. Enter through an Absence Adjustment the amount of vacation needed the pay period prior to the pay period you will be using the hours on the timesheet. Then deduct the vacation hours in the pay period the donations were originally made in. No adjustments are needed for the donor.



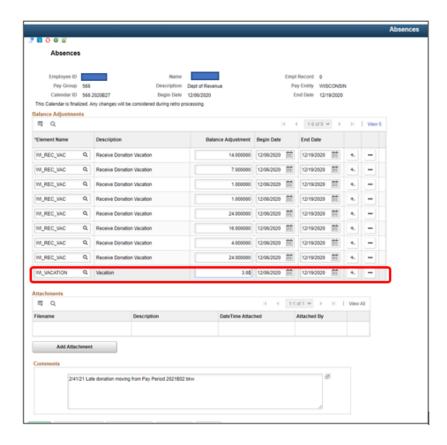
Open the original Absence Adjustment the Donation was processed in. In this example the donation was processed in 2021B02



Add a new row, Element Type WI_Vacation and decrease by the number of full hours you are moving to the prior pay period. In this example we are moving 3.0 hours.



In the prior pay period add a new row Element Type WI_Vacation and increase by the number of full hours you are moving to prior pay period. (We need to use the vacation in PP 2021B01, so adding to PP 2020B27.) Once the next Absence Calcuation is run, the additional vacation will be available for use on the timesheet.

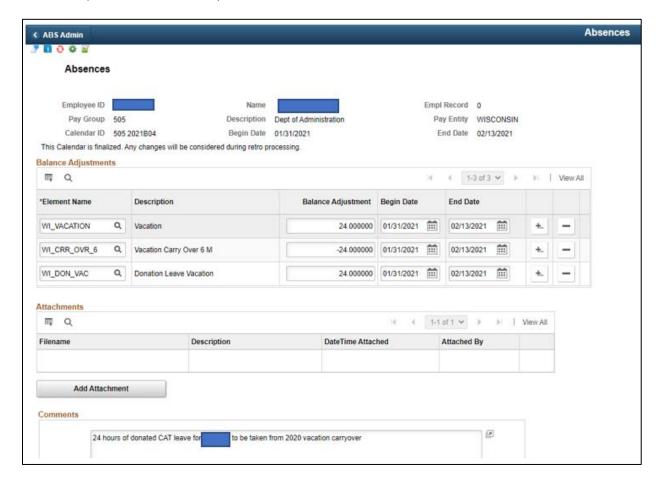


DONATING VACATION CARRYOVER

The leave donation process only converts current year vacation to the recipient. If the employee wishes to donate their vacation carryover you must manually add the donation back into the current year vacation bucket and deduct it from the carryover bucket in the same pay period that you key the donation.



In this example the donation was keyed into PP2021B04.



YEAR END DONATIONS

Only process the donations in the calendar year that are needed in that calendar year, allowing enough for the year end split pay period.

If there are leave donations that are not needed by your recipients at year end, hold those donor forms. Best practice – send an email to the donors letting them know you did not use their current year donations and are holding the donations to be used in the next year and the donation hours will be part of their carryover. If the donation is no longer needed, you should void the Donor Authorization form and let the donor know. Since the donations should not be processed until needed, no adjustment should be required. If the donation was processed in the system, and it is not needed, follow the instructions in the Adjusting Leave Donations section above.

If the donated amount not being used at year end puts the employee over the 40 hours vacation carryover (or using PH or LH) you will need to include the donor employee on the Individual Agency Exception request with the Justification – Catastrophic Leave Donor 202# Balance. If you were not aware of these employees at the time you submit your initial Individual Carryover Exception request, send a second Exception request with the donors listed.

Note: If the donation involving carryover leave has not been processed by the next fiscal year end, an exception should be submitted to DOA CP.

Leave credits donated to a recipient are not subject to limitations on end of year carryover of leave credits. Leave credits donated more than the maximum number of leave credits required for a recipient shall be returned to the donor. Donors shall have the remainder of the calendar year and the first 6 months of the ensuing calendar year in which to use previously donated leave credits returned to the donor during the last 6 months of the calendar year.

From WI Human Resources Handbook Chapter 660:

 Leave credits donated to recipients are not subject to limitations on end-of-year carryover of leave credits under ss. ER 18.02(6)(b) and ER 18.04(4)(c), Wis. Adm. Code.

EXAMPLE: A recipient is on approved unpaid leave and is using donated leave. Donated leave credits remaining at the end of the calendar year will automatically carry over into the ensuing calendar year and will be used until donations are exhausted or the catastrophic need is resolved and any unused donated credits are returned to the donor.

Donated leave credits will not be reflected on the recipient's official leave accounting balance until the pay period in which the credits are actually used by the recipient.

NO LEAVE DONATIONS PROCESSED IN A SPLIT PAY PERIOD

There are 2 split pay periods each calendar year. One at the end of the year, splitting the calendar years and one in June splitting the fiscal years. These 2 pay periods have 2 absence calendar IDs in the system, distinguished with an A.

Examples:

The split pay periods for 2021: 2021B01 = 12/20/2020 to 12/31/2020 2021B01A = 1/1/2021 to 1/2/2021

2021B14 = 6/20/2021 to 6/30/2021 2021B14A = 7/1/2021 to 7/3/2021

Because these pay periods are split into two calendar ID within each calendar group ID, the leave donation process does not work. Therefore, we DO NOT run the Leave Donation process in these two pay periods.

You need to process your donations in the system the pay period prior if there are sufficient leave donations. Otherwise, you will have to process the donations in the pay period following and then process an Absence Adjustment to move the donations to the prior pay period, which means the recipient will not be able to be paid in the split pay period and will receive retro pay in the following pay period.

If donations are keyed in a split pay period, they will remain unprocessed until the following pay period.